

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract:

A laser transmitter includes an input stage generating an input signal to a limiting amplifier, the limiting amplifier generating an input signal to a laser driver, and the laser driver generating an input signal to a light source. The limiting amplifier has a control terminal for receiving a control signal that sets an amplitude characteristic of the input signal to the laser driver. The amplitude characteristic may be a common-mode or a peak amplitude of the input signal to the laser driver.

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